

THE GENTRY COMPANIES



LATE TESTIMONY

February 10, 2012

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, and Members
House Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

RE: H.B. 2773, H.D. 1 RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2012; 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

I am Debbie Luning, an employee of Gentry Homes and a member of the Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee. I am testifying in strong support of H.B. 2773, H.D. 1, an appropriation measure to sustain the Weed and Seed program in communities on Oahu

As the developer of a residential community within the Ewa Weed and Seed site, Gentry is very supportive of continued funding for the Weed and Seed program. We have been active participants in the collaborative effort involving law enforcement, citizens, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, community groups and private businesses (such as ours) and are pleased that Ewa is undergoing a positive transformation. Violent and drug-related crimes have been reduced substantially, large drug dealers have been "weeded out" and "seeding" programs have been implemented for families and youth.

The Weed and Seed program is working. However, we need to continue the efforts to restore neighborhoods and the families that live within, and I urge your support of this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

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Community Relations